

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Xiaowei Weng, et al.

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Group Art Unit: Unknown

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR PLACEMENT OF

MULTIPLE FRACTURES IN

OPEN HOLE WELLS

Examiner: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This preliminary amendment is being provided prior to the first office action on the merits for the above entitled case.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the specification in the present application with the revised specification (attached).